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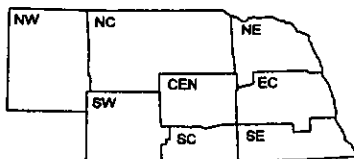
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WEATHER

Temperatures averaged three degrees above normal in the Panhandle and up to nine degrees above normal in the East. Precipitation occurred Statewide, but significant amounts were scattered. Extreme southwest Nebraska received amounts in excess of one inch.

GENERAL

Above normal temperatures and clear conditions during much of the week allowed harvest to continue well ahead of average, with many producers done harvesting for the year, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Significant precipitation occurred over much of Chase and Dundy counties over the weekend, bringing much needed moisture to regions hardest hit by this year's drought conditions. Fall tillage operations were being considered, however, doing so would risk drying out soils further. In the West, sugar beet harvest was active in Panhandle counties.

CROPS

Corn harvest was 88% complete, compared to 68% last year and 51% average. Harvest was near completion in the southeastern third of Nebraska, while Panhandle producers were near 50% complete, choosing first to complete dry bean and sugar beet harvests.

CROPS Cont.

Soybean harvest moved to 93% complete, near 94% last year but ahead of 88% average.

Sorghum was 91% harvested, well ahead of 58% last year and 57% average.

Wheat seeding continued in scattered fields with poor stands. Emergence was 89% complete, behind 94% last year and 95% average. Wheat condition rated 3% very poor, 17% poor, 51% fair, 27% good and 2% excellent. This fall's planted crop was rated lower than last year, when over 50% of the crop was in good or excellent condition. The common concern voiced by reporters was the lack of soil moisture. Wheat often looked good in the morning, but by the afternoon appeared stressed from wind and above normal temperatures. Rains on Sunday, should improve the short term outlook in Southwestern and South Central Districts. However, depleted subsoil supplies will need significant amounts to show a recharge.

LIVESTOCK, PASTURE & RANGE

Pasture and range condition continued to decline and rated 55% very poor, 31% poor, 12% fair, and 2% good. Pastures continue to provide little or no forage in most areas. Because of the early harvest and minimal lodging, stalk fields in many cases were providing only limited grain and forage value.

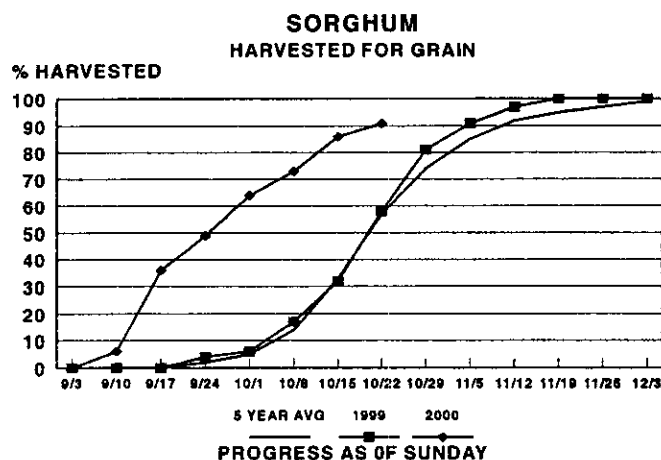
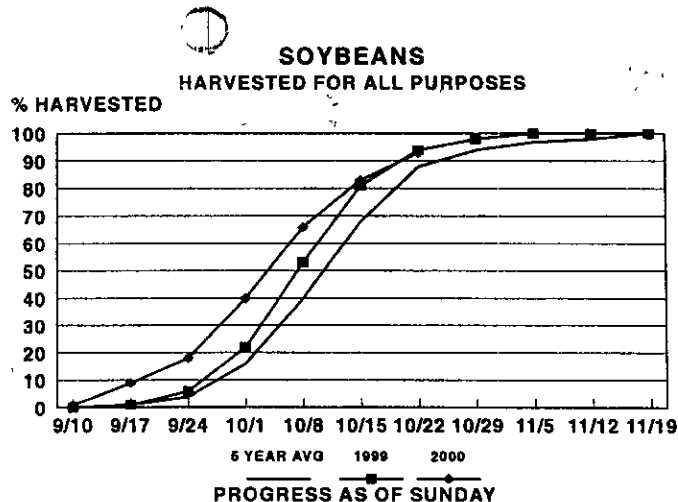
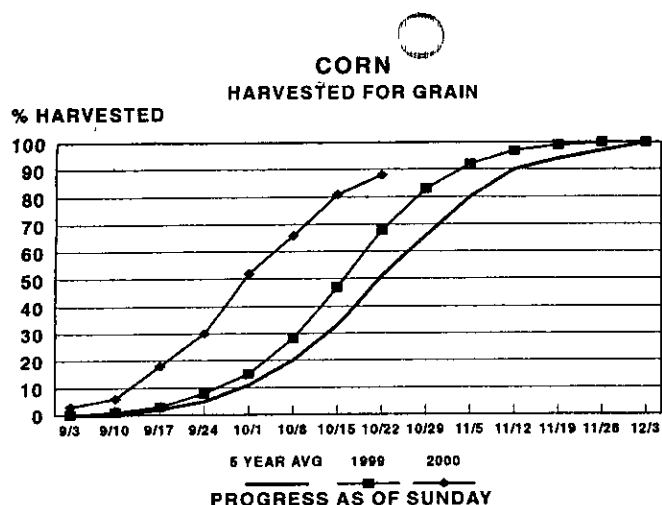
FIELD WORK PROGRESS AS OF OCTOBER 22, 2000		AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS								STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE
		NW	NC	NE	C	EC	SW	SC	SE				
PERCENT													
% Corn Harvested		43	75	89	92	97	70	94	98	88	81	68	51
% Soybeans Harvested		n/a	93	89	95	95	88	97	96	93	83	94	88
% Sorghum Harvested		n/a	81	99	100	90	72	80	96	91	86	58	57
% Wheat Emerged		94	91	80	65	67	90	92	62	89	82	94	95
DAYS SUITABLE AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION AS OF OCTOBER 20, 2000													
Days Suitable		69	68	70	70	68	70	70	68	69	69	70	
Topsoil Moisture	- Very short	20	55	71	80	65	53	71	73	60	52	30	
	- Short	32	45	17	20	30	38	21	27	30	36	39	
	- Adequate	48	0	12	0	5	9	8	0	10	12	31	
	- Surplus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Subsoil Moisture-	- Very Short	36	92	82	76	89	94	90	96	81	77	19	
	- Short	48	8	18	23	10	6	10	4	16	19	37	
	- Adequate	16	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	3	4	44	
	- Surplus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

n/a = not available

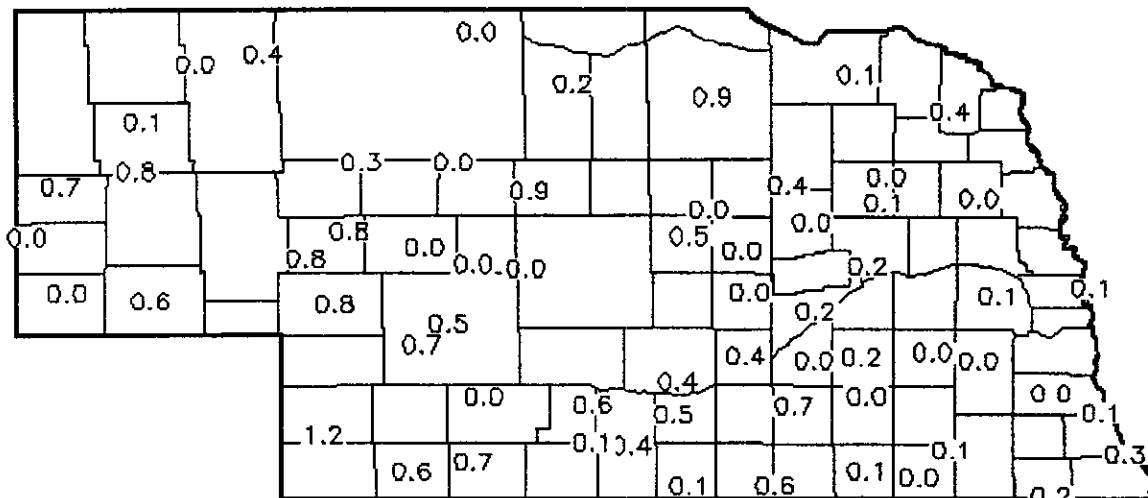
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PRECIPITATION IN INCHES FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 22, 2000



Source: High Plains Climate Center

TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2000

Station		Temperature				Precipitation
		Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches
		Max	Min			
NW	Chadron	83	25	52	---	0
	Scottsbluff	80	28	52	+3	0
	Sidney	79	31	53	---	0
NC	Valentine	86	30	56	+8	.02
NE	Norfolk	84	36	58	+7	.04
	Sioux City	84	35	56	+5	.14
CEN	Grand Island	85	36	59	+7	0
	Ord	83	31	55	---	0
EC	Lincoln	84	36	60	+7	0
	Omaha	82	44	61	+9	Trace
SW	Imperial	82	29	55	---	Trace
	North Platte	80	26	53	+4	0

Source: National Weather Service Forecast Office, Valley, NE